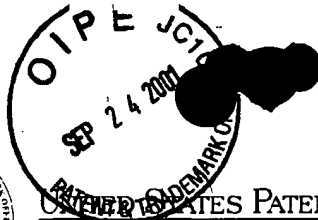


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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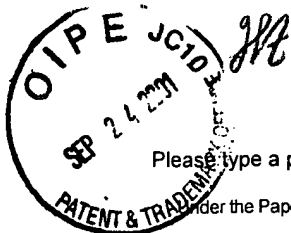
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	First Named Inventor	Craig L. Stevens	
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147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
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119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
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121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
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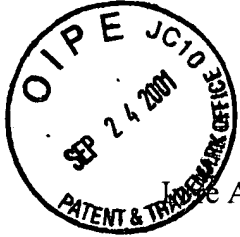
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
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Dear Sir:

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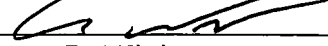
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